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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 7792

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJ: THIRD AND FOURTH POW RELEASES TAKE PLACE IN LAOS

1. THIRD LAOS POW RELEASE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10, DID NOT OCCUR UNTIL MORNING OF OCTOBER 12. (LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES APPARENTLY CAUSED TWO-DAY DELAY.) RELEASE TOOK PLACE AT BAN ITOU ON ROUTE 23 AND CONSISTED EXCLUSIVELY OF 24 LAO CITIZENS FREED BY THE LPF. RLG FREED NO POWS ON THIS OCCASION, HAVING RELEASED ALL OF ITS POWS AT PHONE SAVAN ON SEPTEMBER 19. THE 24 MEN WERE FLOWN FROM PAKSE TO VIENTIANE ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 14.

2. A FOURTH RELEASE TOOK PLACE OCTOBER 14 AT PHALANE (WD 0041) ON ROUTE 9. THE LPF LIBERATED 12 PERSONS, ALL LAO CITIZENS, WHO REPORTEDLY WERE IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDI-
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TION. THE MEN WERE FLOWN TO SAVANNAKHET AND THENCE TO

VIENTIANE.

3. ACCORDING TO ONE POW, HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY AMERICAN
POWS SINCE HIS CAPTURE IN 1968.
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